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Group Art Unit: 2134

Docket No.: SONYAK 3.3-161

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of: :  
Ishiguro et al. :  
Application No.: 09/980,952 : Group Art Unit: 2134  
Filed: March 18, 2002 : Examiner: J. Lipman  
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM :  
AND METHOD :

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2006, finally rejecting claims 40-51 and 68-79, please amend the application as follows:

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